



# Leave No Trace Stewardship Initiative



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# What is this, again?



- Aiming to get all Regional Parks properties certified as Leave No Trace Gold Standard Sites.
- Set the bar for environmental stewardship practices within a park system.
- Enhance signage to prepare our visitors to recreate responsibly.
- Show our commitment to stewardship by partnering with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.



# RPTOS Leave No Trace Trainer Course



All full-time Regional Parks, Trails & Open Space employees are certified Leave No Trace Trainers! We are the **first** parks division in the country to achieve this!



# Summer Staff Leave No Trace Trainer Course



The Leave No Trace course is now a part of our seasonal staff training.



# Tailored Stewardship Language on Park Maps



(And incorporated into the Wayfinding Package!)

- ▀ Neighbourhood Parks
- ▀ Specialty Parks & Amenities
- ▀ Trails
- ▀ Forestry
- ▀ Reserve a Pavilion
- ▀ Herbicide Application Schedule
- ▀ Junior Ranger Nature Pack
- ▀ Recreation and Sports
- ▀ Cultural Services
- ▀ Special Events, Park & Facility Reservations
- ▀ Volunteer
- ▀ Golf Courses
- ▀ Cemeteries
- ▀ Pikes Peak – America's Mountain
- ▀ Plans, Projects and Reports
- ▀ Contest

## Contact Info

## Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

## Contact

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**Contact Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services** 

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1401 Recreation Way  
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## Follow the Leave No Trace Seven Principles

The City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services department is proudly partnered with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics in order to promote environmental stewardship and safeguard the natural, cultural, and historical resources that make Colorado Springs such a fantastic place to live and visit. Follow the Leave No Trace Seven Principles to help keep our parks, trails, and open spaces healthy and sustainable. Learn more at [lnt.org](https://www.lnt.org)



**Plan ahead and prepare.** A little preparation goes a long way! Checking the forecast, planning your route, and reviewing the Rules and Regulations will help prepare you for your Ute Valley Park adventure.



**Travel on durable surfaces.** Stay on designated trails to minimize soil erosion and preserve Ute Valley Park's natural features. Muddy trails? Hike right through them! And please respect Natural Preservation Area closures.



**Dispose of waste properly.** Please Pack Out all trash items, including bagged dog waste, or place it into trash cans before leaving the park. This keeps Ute Valley Park looking (and smelling) bea-UTE-iful!

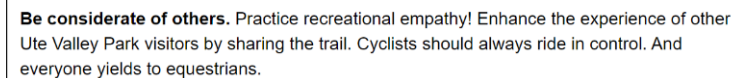
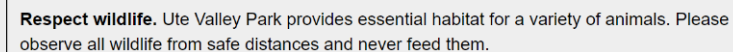
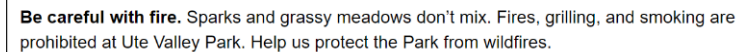
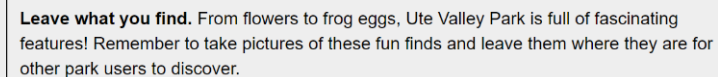


**Leave what you find.** From flowers to frog eggs, Ute Valley Park is full of fascinating features! Remember to take pictures of these fun finds and leave them where they are for other park users to discover.



**Be careful with fire.** Sparks and grassy meadows don't mix. Fires, grilling, and smoking are prohibited at Ute Valley Park. Help us protect the Park from wildfires.

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- Multiple mountain biking and hiking trails
- Wetland area
- Portable toilet

The park has an extensive network of trails that range in difficulty levels, from beginner to more advanced. The main trailhead starts at the parking lot area off Vindicator Dr. and then branches to various routes.





# Other Items



- Hot Spot Week
  - October 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>



- Leave No Trace Youth Accreditation
  - Junior Ranger Program
  - Girl Scout Fun Patch
  - Boy Scout Merit Badges





Thank you!